



*Covering National Guard Support of the Lewis  
and Clark 200th Anniversary Commemoration*



# *Lewis & Clark*

## *GUARDing the Trail*



### **On the Trail Again**

In April, 1805, The Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery was anxious to pack up and begin the journey west. After having endured a bitterly cold winter at Fort Mandan near the present city of Bismarck, ND, the expedition set out up the Missouri River. The keelboat accompanying them was sent back down-river to St. Louis with collected items and journals to be delivered to President Jefferson as well as letters from expedition members to their families. This would be the last communication with their world until the expedition returned 18 months later.

The National Guard in each trail state is preparing to support the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles as it makes its way to the mouth of the Columbia River. National Guard personnel will also support those commemoration events going on in their respective states.





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## Montana TAG Visits Lewis and Clark Boot Camp

Montana Adjutant General MG Randy Mosley visited National Guard members from around the country at Pompey's Pillar National Monument near Billings. The general's visit coincided with the Lewis and Clark Boot Camp, a two-day session to train Guard members in public outreach activities. He said of the Guard's participation in the Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration, "This is one of those once in a lifetime things. This is part of our heritage and history. It we don't tell this story, no one is going to."



## "200 Years Ago Today" Radio Program Launched

The National Guard Bureau developed a series of 60-second radio spots airing on the Lewis and Clark Expedition called "200 Years Ago Today." The program began on April 1 and runs weekdays for a year. The spots give a summary of each day's events from a military perspective and end with a message to call 1-800 Go-Guard for further information on joining the National Guard. Go to [www.LewisandClarkRadio.com](http://www.LewisandClarkRadio.com) and then to "Audio Files" to hear what happened on the expedition 200 years ago today. Radio stations have responded positively to date and many indicate that they intend to continue using the spots in the coming months.

## Six Young Soldiers to Follow the Trail

Much of the history and heritage of the expedition will be told by the Montana National Guard Explorer Team, a group of six young soldiers that will spend five months following the Lewis and Clark Trail through their state. Averaging about 19 years old, these six soldiers approximate the ages of what are called the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky", volunteers enlisted by William Clark who were interested in the prospect of adventure in unknown lands. According to MSG Ted Reichert, Project Manager for the Montana National Guard's commemoration, "We selected our six young people for somewhat the same reasons as did Clark but with an additional motive: These soldiers represent an age group we would like to attract into the Guard."

The soldiers will be telling the expedition's and the Guard's story to the public. In addition to the Lewis and Clark Boot Camp, their preparation included training in modern military equipment as well as equipment used during the Lewis and Clark era. There was additional intensive training in Montana military history, readings and videos on the background of the Corps of Discovery participants, and Native American Culture.

For the five months that the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery took to cross what is now Montana, members of the state's National Guard will participate in 11 events. They will tell the story of the expedition, and emphasize the militia's relevance then as well as the National Guard's relevance today. The Montana Guard will assist in the commemoration through assisting in set up and tear down of the National Park Service's "Tent of Many Voices" exhibit; providing a veterans and deployed soldiers salute at every event; and

periodically performing a "Then and Now" presentation whereby two Guard members, one in modern military dress and one in period military uniform, compare notes on the state of the military in President Jefferson's day versus the 21st century.

## Training a Key to Guard Education Outreach

Nearly 25 Guardsmen, including trainers and recruiters from six states and the National Guard Bureau, gathered in Billings, MT, at the Lewis and Clark Boot Camp in late March to teach and to learn how to present the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the public. The two day session included classroom training on how to present the Lewis and Clark story from a military perspective in an historical context. The main goal of the outreach program is to increase awareness of U.S. military history.

The first day of training was spent

in classroom and field activities, much of which involved hands-on experience with the equipment used in the Lewis and Clark era Army. Presenters demonstrated the use of equipment commonly used by early 19th century soldiers such as route finding and mapping instruments like the compass and sextant; common contemporary tools like flint and steel used in fire starting; and firearms used by the expedition.

Field instruction was held at Pompey's Pillar, the site where William Clark carved his name and the date into rock and one of the few pieces of physical evidence of the expedition's passage. The pillar is a National Monument, an imposing rock edifice next to the Yellowstone River. Field training included hands-on use of expedition era firearms, fire-building using flint and steel, and an inspection of a dugout canoe replica hewed by the expedition.



Most of the second day of training was dedicated to the Discovery Box, the key tool used in the educational outreach initiative. The box contains handouts and replicas of items used in the Lewis and Clark expedition, including period uniforms, a compass, a life-sized cast of a grizzly bear paw and trade items and gifts for Native American tribes. Attendees also participated in a subsequent two-day training session, the Lewis and Clark Training Academy, sponsored by National Guard Lewis and Clark commemoration partner, the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Academy featured a number of speakers addressing Lewis and Clark topics that helped round out their training and understanding.

A similar training opportunity was offered in Hood River, OR, 25-26 February, with 19 Guardsmen in attendance.

## Army National Guard Featured at Philadelphia Exhibit

The National Guard Bureau joined forces with Army partners - the Corps of Engineers and the Army Forces Command - at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences to showcase the the military identity of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The mid-March event featured interactive presentations, theatrical displays and music of the era. At the nearby Independence Hall Visitors' Center Montana Air National Guard member TSgt. Al Garver portrayed expedition member Pvt. Joseph Whitehouse in the interactive presentation "Then and Now." He and Guardsman CWO Terri Purcell discussed the differences and similarities of military life (200 years ago versus today).



TSgt. Al Garver and CWO Terri Purcell in "Then and Now" performance.



MGEN Randy Mosley addresses the MTARNG "Boot Camp" at Pompey's Pillar

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Lewis & Clark Then and Now





# Lewis & Clark - Towards the Pacific



## Lewis & Clark NGB 2005 Event Participation



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By the end of the March 2005, seven states were involved in the National Guard Bureau's Lewis and Clark educational outreach program. Almost 20,000 students have been instructed in the military aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

MAJ Alisha Hamel and SSG Greg Olson are heading up a successful Discovery Box outreach campaign in Oregon. Schools across the state are requesting the program, which allows students to see and feel replicas of items that Lewis and Clark would have used or come across 200 years ago. The goal of the program is to tell students the stories of Lewis and Clark by discussing the Seven Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal service. Hamel, who is the Special Projects Officer in Oregon, said that the program is successful because it sparks the students' interest in history and also gives them a positive perspective of the National Guard.



"The Discovery Box program brings history alive for the kids," said 1LT Marie Orlando, Lewis and Clark Educational Outreach Coordinator for the Missouri Army National Guard. "The theme of our program in Missouri is "Then and Now," and just knowing that you can tie in what happened to these real historical people back then to what's happening today is an important lesson."

CPT Kathryn Masters, a recruiter, also plans to launch a Discovery Box program in Maryland. She said that the Discovery Box is an exciting new tool that will allow the National Guard to go into schools and generate interest in the history of the expedition, including its citizen-soldier heritage.

***"History is amazing, and it would be great for kids to learn about the story behind Lewis and Clark,"***

***Masters said.***